

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 797

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Lonnie Keith Head for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Lonnie Keith Head, who has spent thirty-eight years in devoted service to the State of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, as Director of Rural Utilities Service for the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA-RD), he has processed and approved more than 2,585 loans and grants totaling nearly \$1.8 billion; this funding has helped countless rural towns and communities provide utilities services and safe drinking water, as well as other essential community needs such as police and fire equipment and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Director of Rural Utilities Services for the USDA-RD, Lonnie Head has faithfully served under seven U.S. presidents, from President Carter to President Trump; and

WHEREAS, a native of Robertson County, Mr. Head is also a lifelong tobacco farmer and expert tobacco cutter and tractor operator; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Head is a graduate of Joe Byrns High School, where he was a versatile asset on the football field, able to play all positions except kicker and center; and

WHEREAS, he went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University, where he was an integral member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Head's many passions include supporting University of Tennessee athletic programs, particularly the women's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Head is also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; he has been blessed with the love of his wife of thirty-five years, Brenda, and their two daughters, Ashlee and Brittany; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Head has been a devoted public servant for nearly four decades, and it is fitting that he be honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Lonnie Keith Head for his astute, capable service to this State and nation, extending our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.